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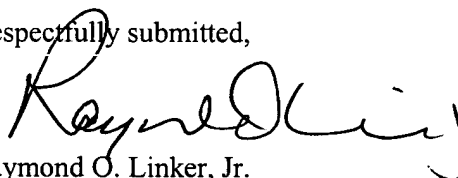
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The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in the Search Report of corresponding French Application No. 0214637.

A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. In accordance with the Office waiver published July 11, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are not enclosed. Applicant does enclose copies of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The Examiner may also wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

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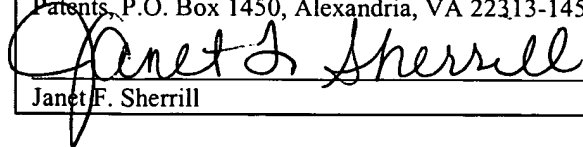


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